

Community Plan Steering Group 21 October 2020.

Present: Sonia Kempsey (chair), Chris Johnson, Roe Baker, Gina Perryman, Michael Hanley.

Sonia: The last meeting was about seven months ago. We need to nominate the lead organisations for each section of the plan and review what has changed. I have invited Gordon Monk and he has been looking at the community plan and prioritising things. Tracey Moran (County Council) started an Alston Moor Planning Group to look at how the county plan fits in with the district one.

Roe: It's good that Tracey is driving that, we asked for this before.

Sonia: Tracey has already looked at Penrith and the next on the list was Alston. It looks like a very good document.

Roe: If they have the funding which allows us to develop stuff, that's wonderful.

Chris: Elaine Grew attended the Alston Area Planning Group. There will be a representative from the Parish Council to the planning group.

Roe: we need to make sure there isn't duplication going on.

Sonia: Originally Maxine (Denoul) was on this group.

Michael: The EDC is promoting the Green Homes Grant and prioritising Alston Moor. It also wants to promote outside markets. We discussed a butcher who wants to sell meat weekly from the Market Cross area.

Roe : Alston Renewable Energy received £15k from Electricity Northwest to look at increasing energy efficiency in the area. Anyone in the area can have their house assessed for energy efficiency. There are no assessors a yet. There will be advertisements for this in the next few months. It will be under the Cozy Homes Scheme.

The Fell Foot Forward scheme covers Alston Moor as well as other areas. There is also a Youth Project working with SKS. This will provide support to young people on Alston Moor, giving them a voice and link to the Youth Parliament so they can understand politics and the right to vote. We discussed planting an orchard at Fairhill. Also, The Oaklea Trust's plans for the old primary school. There are lots of ideas. The focus will be on Health and Wellbeing. Camping Pods is another idea as there is no dedicated camping site in Alston.

Chris: The gym is concerned about the cost of moving to the old primary school.

Roe: The other idea was to provide a full youth service at the old primary school.

Gina: There are no touring pitches in Alston at the moment, it would be great them at the old primary school.